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MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN SCENERY is only one of the highlights of the ASLA's 62nd Annual Meeting in Boulder, Colorado, 10-13 July. Here Loch Vale, near the convention site, is nestled against the spectacular backdrop of Taylor Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park. Participants in the special field trip immediately following the convention will stop here as they journey along Trail Ridge Road, one of the highest and most scenic mountain roads in the world.

## EXPANDED MASS TRANSPORTATION SOUGHT

Senator Harrison A. Williams (D., N.J.), the author of S. 858, which calls for Federal aid in preserving open space in urban areas, has now introduced new legislation providing for Federal aid in improving mass transportation facilities in urban areas.

The bill, co-sponsored by 18 of Senator Williams' colleagues, is a revised and expanded version of an earlier bill which passed the Senate last year. It would provide a low interest, long-term loan fund of \$250 million for improvement of mass transportation facilities and equipment such as terminals, stations, rolling stock, and fringe area parking lots. Under the bill, an additional \$75 million in matching grant funds would be set aside for research in the field of mass transportation and for experimental projects.

"Cities are coming to realize that extreme traffic congestion and deteriorating mass transportation facilities," said Sen. Williams, "are their most serious problem. It is a problem that chokes central city business, lowers retail sales and real estate tax revenue, encourages urban blight, increases accident rates and costs, and dissipates enormous human and economic resources in the stagnation of the traffic jam."

The Regional Plan Association, which has just completed a study of passenger transportation in the greater New York area, hailed the bill as "pioneering legislation" and recommended that the Government make available, at the lowest possible interest, capital funds necessary to save and improve commuter rail service.

## JFK BACKS BILLBOARD CONTROLS

In his first message to Congress, President John F. Kennedy has announced his support and approval of legislation controlling billboards along interstate highways.

"The Interstate Highway System," President Kennedy said, "was intended, among other purposes, to enable more Americans to more easily see more of their country. The system was not intended to provide a large and unreimbursed measure of benefits to the billboard industry, whose structures tend to detract both from the beauty and the safety of the routes they line."

The President also praised the Congress for passing legislation controlling outdoor advertising within designated limits of the routes of the interstate system. He expressed regret that only one state, Maryland, has taken advantage of the law which expires June 30, 1961, allowing states an incentive payment of an extra one-half of one per cent of the cost of the interstate highway projects within the state borders if they elect to comply with Federal billboard standards contained in the law.

The President then urged the Congress to extend billboard control for four more years and to increase the incentive bonus from one-half to one per cent of a state's allotment. Showing unusually strong feelings on this subject, the President concluded by saying: "Should this measure still prove to be insufficient, it may be necessary to adopt more direct means of control, or to at least charge billboard owners for the benefits they are receiving."



William Johnson (M), site planning consultant and associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Michigan, explains the visual impact of American cities and the "urban deck" to students at last summer's session in Advanced Landscape Design at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

## C & O CANAL DESIGNATED NATIONAL MONUMENT

Only two days before relinquishing the reins of Government to his successor, President Eisenhower proclaimed the historic Chesapeake & Ohio Canal a National Monument, thus preserving one more scenic area from commercial encroachment.

The canal, originally conceived by no less a "land planner" than George Washington himself, was officially begun when President John Quincy Adams turned the first spadeful of ceremonial soil at Georgetown, D.C., on the 4th of July, 1828.

Originally intended to connect the Chesapeake Bay with the Ohio River--and link Washington to the inland by water--the canal was almost from the beginning a dismal failure. Construction was terminated at Cumberland, Maryland, 22 years later with the Ohio River still many miles away.

Today, the 4,800-acre right-of-way acquired by the C & O Canal Co. is a popular recreation area for thousands of Washingtonians who hike, canoe, or are drawn by mules on antique barges from Georgetown up the canal.

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\* Effective after July 1961 Annual Meeting

## MSU design session set

The Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University in East Lansing, has announced that a special summer session in Advanced Landscape Design will be offered again in 1961.

The course, open to all students majoring in Landscape Architecture who have completed their junior year in design, will run between 19 June and 26 July. The session will carry five term credits. As in 1960, several outstanding landscape architects, serving as visiting critics, will conduct the 1961 session. Last year's critics were William Johnson (M) of Ann Arbor; Eugene Martini (M) of Atlanta; Garrett Eckbo (M) of Los Angeles; and Jack Drew (M) of Lansing. Complete information on this year's session may be obtained direct from the Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture at the university.

## Vint named AIA fellow

Thomas C. Vint, FASLA, chief of the National Park Service's Division of Design and Construction in Washington, will be officially named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects at the organization's annual meeting in Philadelphia, 24-28 April.



Mr. Vint's elevation to Fellowship in the AIA, of which he has been a member since 1937, brings to a total of 577 those authorized to use the initials "FAIA." The organization's total membership now numbers some 14,000.

A native of Salt Lake City, Mr. Vint is a 1920 graduate of the University of California, from which he holds a degree in landscape architecture. During 1919, following World War I service with the Army Air Corps in France, he studied at the Université de Lyon Ecole d'Architecture. Joining the NPS in 1923, Mr. Vint was named to his present position in 1933.

## **hither & yon**

• GEOFFREY A. JELLICOE, F.R.I.B.A., of London, a Corresponding Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, has been appointed a Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Mr. Jellicoe, one of England's most distinguished landscape architects, was cited on Her Majesty's "New Year's Honours List" for his services to the profession. Mr. Jellicoe is a former president of the Institute of Landscape Architects in London and now serves as honorary president of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). A one-time Bernard Webb Student at the British School at Rome, Mr. Jellicoe is the author of a number of books on the gardens of Europe.

• THE 44TH INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW, held in New York, 4-12 March, attracted a number of ASLAers, both as judges and as designers. Ethelbert E. Furlong (M) of Glen Ridge, N.J.; Alfred Geiffert III (M) of New York; William Rutherford (M) of Riverside, Conn.; and George A. Yarwood (M) of Simsbury, Conn., all served on various judging teams.

Armand Tibbitts (M) of Greenwich, Conn., carried off the International Flower Show "Director's Trophy" for his Jackson-Perkins garden, while Arthur Bye (M) and Irving Hermann (M) of Bye and Hermann, Rye, N.Y., designed a granite garden for Rosedale Gardens. Besides acting as judge for one of the classes, Bill Rutherford also designed a garden for Everett Conklin & Company.

• NOREDA A. ROTUNNO (M), Upstate Chapter trustee, has been awarded kudos for his master planning work at Syracuse. In the years since his appointment as landscape architect for the university in 1943, he has been credited with bringing order out of chaos, according to a recent feature article in the Syracuse (N.Y.) HERALD-JOURNAL.

Among the items cited was his exactness of method. "In 1951," the article stated, "he followed students around with a stop watch to find out how long it took to walk between campus buildings. From this, three sets of circles formed on the plans--circles within which everything is five, ten, and fifteen minutes away." The aim is that classroom buildings should be a maximum ten minutes away from each other and dorms as far as 15 minutes from the main campus.

• CONRAD L. WIRTH (F), who late in January was re-appointed director of the National Park Service, has been awarded one of six Rockefeller Public Service Awards for 1960-61, one of the highest forms of recognition given to career Federal employees. Dr. Robert F. Goheen, president of Princeton University, who announced the awards, said that formal presentation of the \$3,500 award which accompanies the honor, will be made at a luncheon in Washington in April. Mr. Wirth was chosen for the award in recognition of his distinguished contributions in the field of conservation and resources. The awards, made possible by a grant established by John D. Rockefeller III, are administered by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton.

• CLARENCE E. HAMMOND (M), of Scruggs and Hammond, Peoria, Illinois, was one of a number of speakers at the "Conference on Environmental Engineering and Metropolitan Planning" held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, 21-23 March.



OFFICERS OF THE BOSTON CHAPTER pause for a photo at a chapter meeting held at Harvard's Faculty Club on 20 February. From left: Douglas Footit, treasurer; Ben Gary, secretary; Dorothy Harrison, trustee; Joe Hudak, chapter president; and Norman Newton, national president.

• DUDLEY C. BAYLISS (M), chief of the National Park Service's Parkway Division in Washington, has been presented with the NPS Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to parkway design and development. A member of the NPS since 1933, he has served with the Parkway Division almost from its inception.

• THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANNING OFFICIALS' National Planning Conference, slated to open April 30 in Denver's Hilton Hotel, is expected to draw more than 1500 city planners, landscape architects, and community leaders. According to the conference program, topics on the agenda will range from A to Z--airports to zoning. Among the ASLAers who will speak at the parley are: Kenneth L. Schellie (M), planning consultant for Metropolitan Planners, Inc., Indianapolis; Robert F. Foeller (M), planning consultant, Dallas; and Russell H. Riley (F) of Harland Bartholomew and Associates, St. Louis.

## **ASLA publications offered**

The following publications are now available to ASLA members. Orders should be sent to 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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Contract Form, Standard (L.A. & Owner).....15¢	
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Landscape Architecture and Land Planning (Brochure, June 1955).....10¢	
Landscape Architecture: A Professional Career (in Land Planning; Brochure rev. Jan 61).....05¢	
Schools, List of Approved (Sept 60).....nc	

## **calendar**

4	New York City: Architectural League, Apr 115 East 40th St. New York Chapter Dinner Meeting. 7 p.m.
14-15	Greensboro, N.C.: The Oaks Motel, Apr 1118 Summit Ave. Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting.
24-28	Philadelphia, Pa.: Bellevue-Stratford Apr Hotel. AIA 1961 Annual Meeting.
30 Apr - 4 May	Denver, Colorado: Denver Hilton Hotel. ASPO National Planning Conference.
10-13 July	Boulder, Colorado: Harvest House. 62nd Annual Meeting, ASLA.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AUSTRALIA, Adelaide: Landscape Officer for Botanic Garden & Park in Mt. Lofty Ranges. Asst. to director. Qual.: Trng. & exp. in landscape design and hort., plan drawing, estimating, surveys, supervision of staff. Salary: (Australian Pounds) £1250-1920. (\$2.23 = £1.00) Write to: Mr. T.R.N. Lothian, Dir., Adelaide Botanic Gardens, North Terrace, Adelaide.

ILLINOIS, Champaign: Associate Planner to assist in preparation of comprehensive plan for growing community and urban renewal program. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in city planning, arch., l.a., or related field. Exp. pref. but not mandatory. Salary: \$5448-6600. Write to: Robert H. Oldland, City Manager, City Hall, Champaign.

ILLINOIS, Moline: City Planner II for CBD devel. plan. Qual.: Degree in arch. or l.a. plus 2 yrs exp. or equiv. Salary: \$6000-7200. Write to: Stan Redick, Planning Dept., City Hall, Moline.

ILLINOIS, Rock Island: Planning Technician for work with redevelopment planner in preparation of plans for urban renewal projects. Qual.: Degree in city planning, arch., eng., or related field. Salary: \$5220-6345. Send resume to: Richard N. Turnlund, Administrative Officer, City Hall, Rock Island.

IOWA, Ames: Landscape Architect (private practice) for prep. site devel. plans for schools, parks, industrial recreation areas, church camps, etc. Qual.: Degree in l.a. plus 2-3 yrs. exp. Sound knowledge presentation, design, grading and construction principles required. Salary: Open. Write to: Harrison & Associates, Site Planning Consultants, Box 328, Ames.

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MISSOURI, Clayton: Senior Planner. Qual.: Degree in planning, arch., l.a., or c.e., plus 3 yrs. planning exp. Salary: \$6924-8304. Write to: Hermann F. Wagner, Dir., Dept. of Planning, Ct. House, Clayton 5.

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NEW YORK, Rochester: Junior City Planner. Qual.: Degree from recog. univ. or coll. in planning, c.e., l.a., or arch. or comb. of undergrad. study and planning exp. Salary: \$5334-6420. Write to: Mrs. Ann B. Taylor, Principal Planner, City Planning Comm., 613 Commerce Bldg., Rochester.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Sumter: Director of Planning. Qual.: Degree in planning, l.a., arch., or rel. field. Salary: Open. Write to: Robert A. Moses, Chmn., Planning Comm., City Hall, Sumter.

TEXAS, San Antonio: City Planner III. Qual.: Master's degree in planning with bachelor's in planning, arch., l.a. or bachelor's in one above plus 2 yrs. resp. planning exp. Salary: \$6600-7980. Write to: See below.

TEXAS, San Antonio: City Planner II. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in planning, arch., or l.a. Design ability. Salary: \$5400-6360. Write to: Steve Taylor, Dir. of Planning, City Hall, San Antonio.

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